

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7 and 14-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 2003-096285 (JP '285) in view of WO 03/0065502 to Kuroki et al (using U.S. 6,984,443 as an English language equivalent).

Claims 1, 7 and 14-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP '285 in view of U.S. Patent 5,247,013 to Shinoda.

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP '285 and Kuroki et al or JP '285 and Shinoda et al further inv view of JP 08073628 (JP '628).

The grounds for rejection remain the same as set forth in the previous Office Action.

In the Response filed November 14, 2007, incorporated herein by reference, Applicants submitted supplemental test data in a second Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 dated November 16, 2007 as establishing criticality in the claimed range of resin (2) relative to resin (1).

In the Response to Arguments in paragraph 5 at pages 3-4 of the Office Action, the Examiner maintained that the prior art teaches that addition of resin (2) relative to resin (1) is a result-effective variable, and disagreed that the test data (as presented in the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 dated November 16, 2007) establishes criticality in the claimed range. Moreover, the Examiner was of the view that the test data does not show unexpected results.

Although Applicants believe that the test data submitted to date establishes patentability of the present claims over the cited references for the reasons set forth in the response filed November 14, 2007, Applicants plan to prepare and submit additional test data to address the Examiner's comments as set forth in the final Office Action dated December 7, 2007, and therefore request a Suspension of Action of three (3) months to complete the same.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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